

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION OF PRICE ESTATES)	
SUBDIVISION WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM)	
and)	
ROBERT TRIMBLE)	
_____)	CASE NO. 91-071
)	
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF KRS CHAPTER 278)	

O R D E R

The Price Estates sewage treatment facility is a small package plant serving six residences in Johnson County, Kentucky. This show cause proceeding was initiated on March 11, 1991 as a result of Staff's Utility Inspection Report of August 6, 1990, which reported multiple instances of plant maintenance and operation which were not in conformity with accepted good engineering practice.

The Price Estates subdivision was developed in 1972 and, on March 3, 1973, a 12' X 12x20' parcel of land in the subdivision was conveyed to Price Estates, Inc. by deed of record filed in the Johnson County courthouse in Deed Book 168, page 87. Although the lots in the subdivision were platted, this particular lot does not appear on the recorded plat and was described in the deed as being located 80 feet northeast of the northeast corner of lot number 12. However, it appears that this lot was intended to, and did become, the site of the sewer plant.

On May 29, 1981, the sewer plant property was conveyed to Thelma Activities, Inc. by deed of record in Deed Book 210, page 172. However, this deed apparently included only part of the property upon which the treatment plant is located. To correct this situation, on April 16, 1981, a second deed was delivered to Thelma Activities, Inc. which not only described property upon which the plant is located, but also conveyed to Thelma Activities, Inc. any outstanding interest in the property that owners of property adjoining the plat might own. The second deed was executed by Price Estates, Inc., the original owners of the treatment plant, Neil Price, Sr., the developer of the subdivision, and Bonnie Price, his wife, and Olen Fitch and Janet Fitch, owners of the property in the subdivision that adjoins the sewage treatment plant. This deed effectively vested title to the plant and Thelma Activities, Inc. There are no later deeds of record of Thelma Activities, Inc. or Robert Trimble, the sole shareholder of Thelma Activities, Inc., conveying the property.

The Commission noted in its show cause Order that Thelma Activities, Inc. had been administratively dissolved by the secretary of state's office in 1985, and directed Robert Trimble, to whom, as owner of the corporation, its assets would have reverted, to appear at a hearing to be held on April 5, 1991 and show cause why he should not be penalized for violating Commission regulations. Subsequent to the show cause Order, the Commission was notified on March 22, 1991 that Robert Trimble had recently died. By Order dated April 2, 1991, the Commission cancelled the

scheduled hearing and ordered Shirley Melvin, the daughter of Robert Trimble and the person to whom the Commission directed correspondence regarding Price Estates for several years, to appear on behalf of the estate of Robert Trimble at an informal conference scheduled for May 1, 1991. The Order also directed Shirley Melvin to produce a deed or other legal documentation that she intended to dispute that Robert Trimble had been the owner of the Price Estates facility at the time of his death. Ms. Melvin failed to respond to the Commission's Order or to appear at the informal conference.

As previously stated, upon dissolution of Thelma Activities, Inc., ownership of its assets reverted to Robert Trimble. These assets would include the treatment plant in Price Estates. According to records on file in the Probate Division of the Johnson District Court in Case No. P-00070, Robert Trimble died on March 12, 1991. A petition to probate his will lists as his survivors his wife, Joann Trimble, and three children, David Paul Trimble, Judy Ann Skeens, and Shirley Sue Melvin, all adults. The petition for probate states that the estate owned no real estate at the time of death. By court order entered April 22, 1991, Robert Trimble's will was admitted to probate and Joann Trimble was appointed Executrix of his estate.

According to the terms of his will, which is recorded in Will Book 19, page 27, Robert Trimble devised any interest he owned in property belonging to Thelma Activities, Inc. to the Thelma Development Club. The residue of the estate was devised to his wife, Joann Trimble.

Having reviewed the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that, based on the records of the Johnson County Court Clerk and the Johnson County District Court, the beneficial interest in the sewage treatment plant is vested in either Joann Trimble or the Thelma Development Club. However, legal title to the property remains in Joann Trimble at the present time, as Executrix of the estate. As owner of the Price Estates treatment plant, Joann Trimble is responsible for ensuring that the utility is operated and maintained in accordance with Commission regulations. The Commission finds from the evidence of record previously filed herein, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, that a prima facie showing has been made that Joann Trimble, as owner of Price Estates, has violated 807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, by failing to maintain and operate the sewage treatment facility in accordance with accepted good engineering practice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

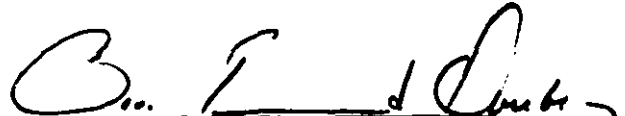
1. The style of this case is amended insofar as the name of Joann Trimble is hereby substituted for the name of Robert Trimble.

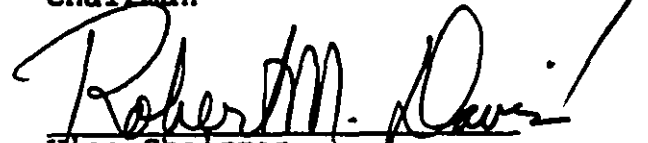
2. Joann Trimble shall appear at a hearing scheduled for August 7, 1991, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, and be prepared to show cause why she should not be penalized pursuant to KRS 278.990 for failing to comply with 807 KAR 5:071, Section 7.

3. Joann Trimble shall submit a written response to all allegations contained herein within 20 days of the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of July, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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MAY 3 1991

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

TO: Main Case File No. 91-071
Price Estates

FROM: Kathleen B. Dorman *KBD*
Attorney

SUBJECT: Informal Conference

DATE: May 3, 1991

By Order of April 2, 1991, the Commission ordered Shirley Melvin of Price Estates wastewater treatment system to appear at an informal conference on May 1, 1991, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, to be held in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky. Although Commission Staff members Kathleen Dorman, Karen Harrod, and Larry Updike were present at the appointed time, Ms. Melvin did not appear, nor did any representative of the Price Estates Subdivision wastewater treatment system. The conference was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

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cc: Parties of Record



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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April 3, 1991

Mr. Olen Fitch
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Ms. Shirley Melvin
P. O. Box 1272, Paintsville, KY. 41240

RE: Case No. 91-071
PRICE ESTATES (THELMA ACTIVITIES)

We enclose one attested copy of the Commission's order in
the above case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lee M. MacCracken", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Lee M. MacCracken
Executive Director

LMM/cg
Enclosure

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ALLEGED VIOLATION OF KRS CHAPTER 278)	

O R D E R

On March 11, 1991, the Commission issued an Order directing Robert Trimble, owner of record of the Price Estates Subdivision Wastewater Treatment System ("Price Estates"), to appear at a hearing scheduled for April 5, 1991 at the Commission's offices. Mr. Trimble was ordered to be prepared to show cause at the hearing why he should not be penalized pursuant to KRS 278.990 for failing to maintain and operate his sewage treatment facilities in accordance with good accepted engineering practices, as required by Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:071, Section 7.

By letter received at the Commission on March 22, 1991, the Commission was notified that Robert Trimble is deceased. Shirley Melvin is the daughter of Robert Trimble and the person to whom the Commission has directed correspondence regarding Price Estates for several years.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for April 5, 1991 is cancelled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Shirley Melvin shall appear on behalf of the estate of Robert Trimble at an informal conference scheduled for May 1, 1991, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Conference Room 10f of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky. At the informal conference, Shirley Melvin shall be prepared to report to the Commission on the status of the Price Estates treatment plant with respect to the violations which resulted in the Commission's show cause Order of March 11, 1991, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. If Shirley Melvin disputes that Robert Trimble was the owner of the Price Estates facility, she shall file with the Commission no later than 20 days from the date of this Order, the deed or other legal documentation evidencing the transfer of the Price Estates facility by Robert Trimble.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of April, 1991.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION OF PRICE ESTATES
SUBDIVISION WASTEWATER TREATMENT
SYSTEM AND ROBERT TRIMBLE

CASE NO. 91-071

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF KRS CHAPTER 278

O R D E R

The Price Estates Subdivision Wastewater Treatment System ("Price Estates") is located in Johnson County, Kentucky and serves six residences. The system and the property on which it is located was deeded to Thelma Activities, Inc. in 1981. Thelma Activities, Inc. was a Kentucky corporation which also operated two other sewage treatment systems; it was administratively dissolved by the Secretary of State's office in 1985. In 1982, ownership of Thelma Activities, Inc. was conveyed to Robert Trimble. Although the corporation is defunct, there is no evidence in the record of a subsequent conveyance of the waste water treatment system by Robert Trimble.

KRS 278.280 authorizes the Commission to prescribe rules for the performance of any service furnished or supplied by a utility. 807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, requires sewage treatment facilities to be constructed, installed, maintained, and operated in accordance with accepted good engineering practices.

On July 30, 1990, Commission Staff conducted an inspection of Price Estates for compliance with the above regulation. Staff subsequently submitted to the Commission a Utility Reinspection Report dated August 6, 1990, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, which reported multiple instances of plant maintenance and operation which were not in conformity with accepted good engineering practice. A reinspection of Price Estates was conducted by Commission Staff on January 24, 1991 to determine if the deficiencies noted in August of 1990 had been corrected. That reinspection report, attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference, reveals that none of the deficiencies reported in August of 1990 have been corrected.

The Commission finds from Exhibits A and B that a prima facie showing has been made that Robert Trimble, as owner of Price Estates, has violated 807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, by failing to maintain and operate the sewage treatment facility in accordance with accepted good engineering practice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Robert Trimble shall appear at a hearing scheduled for April 5, 1991 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, and be prepared to show cause why he should not be penalized pursuant to KRS 278.990 for failing to comply with 807 KAR 5:071, Section 7.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Robert Trimble shall submit a written response to all allegations contained herein within 20 days of the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of March, 1991.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Public Service Commission

UTILITY REINSPECTION REPORT

Price Estates
Johnson County, Kentucky

The Division of Engineering received a request from the Public Service Commission's General Counsel to conduct an inspection on the Price Estates Subdivision Wastewater Treatment Plant to see under what conditions it was operating (see attachments A and B). The system consists of about a 5,000-gallon per day plant and approximately 1,000 feet of collection line and serves 6 residences. An inspection was conducted on July 30, 1990 with the following conditions being found:

Investigation

1. The diffusers need to be inspected and repaired or replaced as necessary. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
2. The chlorination unit needs to be repaired and put in service. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
3. The chlorine contact basin needs to be cleaned of sludge. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
4. A backup blower and motor unit or immediate access to one is needed in case of an emergency. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
5. The clarifier needs to be cleaned out. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
6. The aeration tank is almost in a septic condition giving off a slight hydrogen sulfide odor. The air discharge rates need to be increased to help this problem. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
7. The skimmer needs to be inspected for proper operation and repaired if found not operating properly. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)

8. The plant is currently being operated without a comminutor. As long as the plant can be operated satisfactorily and produce an acceptable effluent the Commission may not require the use of a comminutor. However, the utility must monitor plant operations and immediately install a functioning comminutor should conditions warrant. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
9. The wastewater treatment system needs to be operated by a certified plant operator. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
10. A filter is needed for the blower/motor unit. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)
11. An air leak in the line feeding the diffusers needs to be repaired. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7, 1)

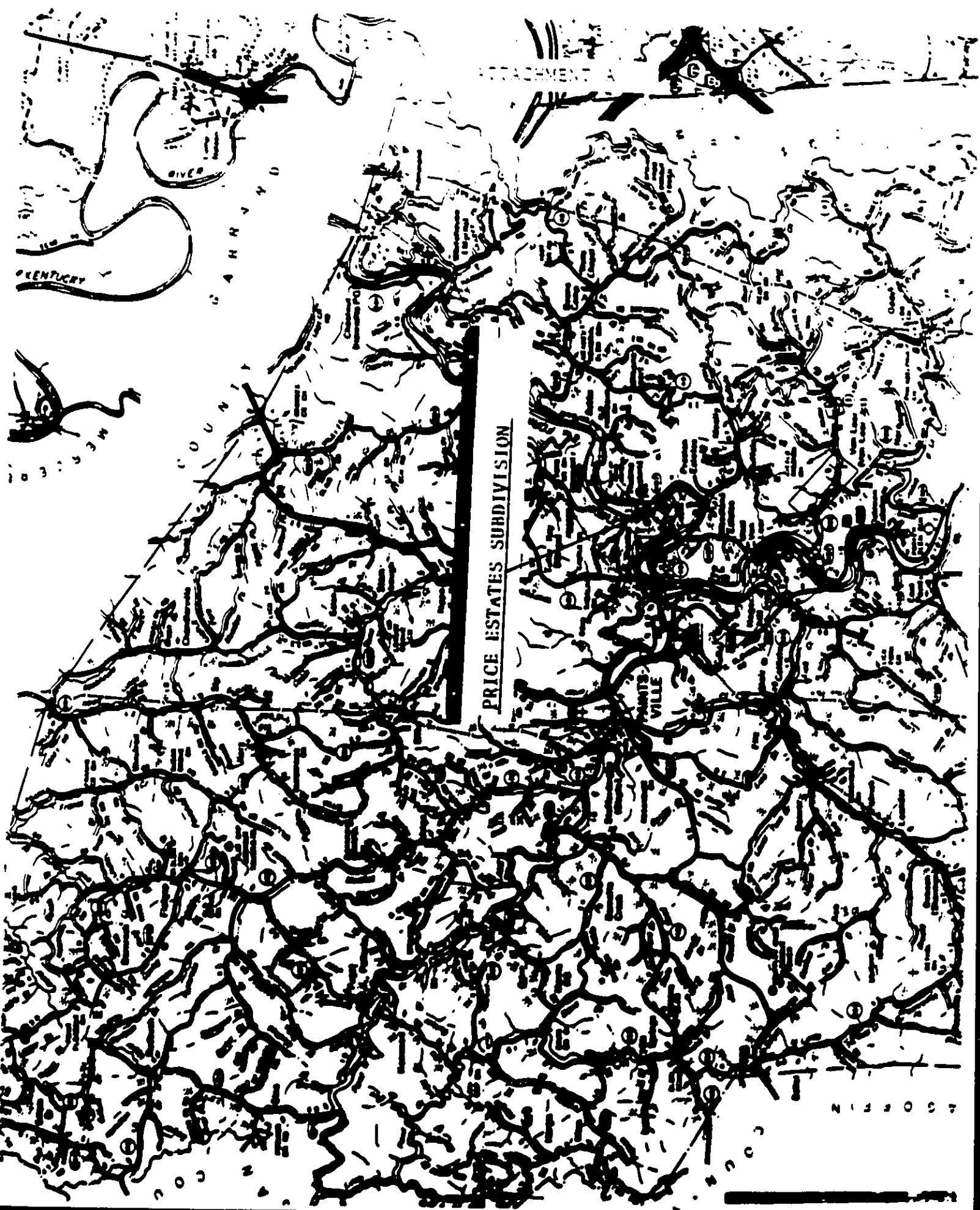
Items 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 listed above are repeat violations. These violations were noted in the inspection report of September 11, 1989. The repairs or corrections listed in this report are required in order to restore this facility to an acceptable operating condition.

Submitted,
August 6, 1990


Larry A. Updike
Utility Investigator

CGR:LNU:aem

ATTACHMENT A



PRICE ESTATES SUBDIVISION

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KY.
ENGINEERING DIVISION
FRANKFORT, KY.

ATTACHMENT A1

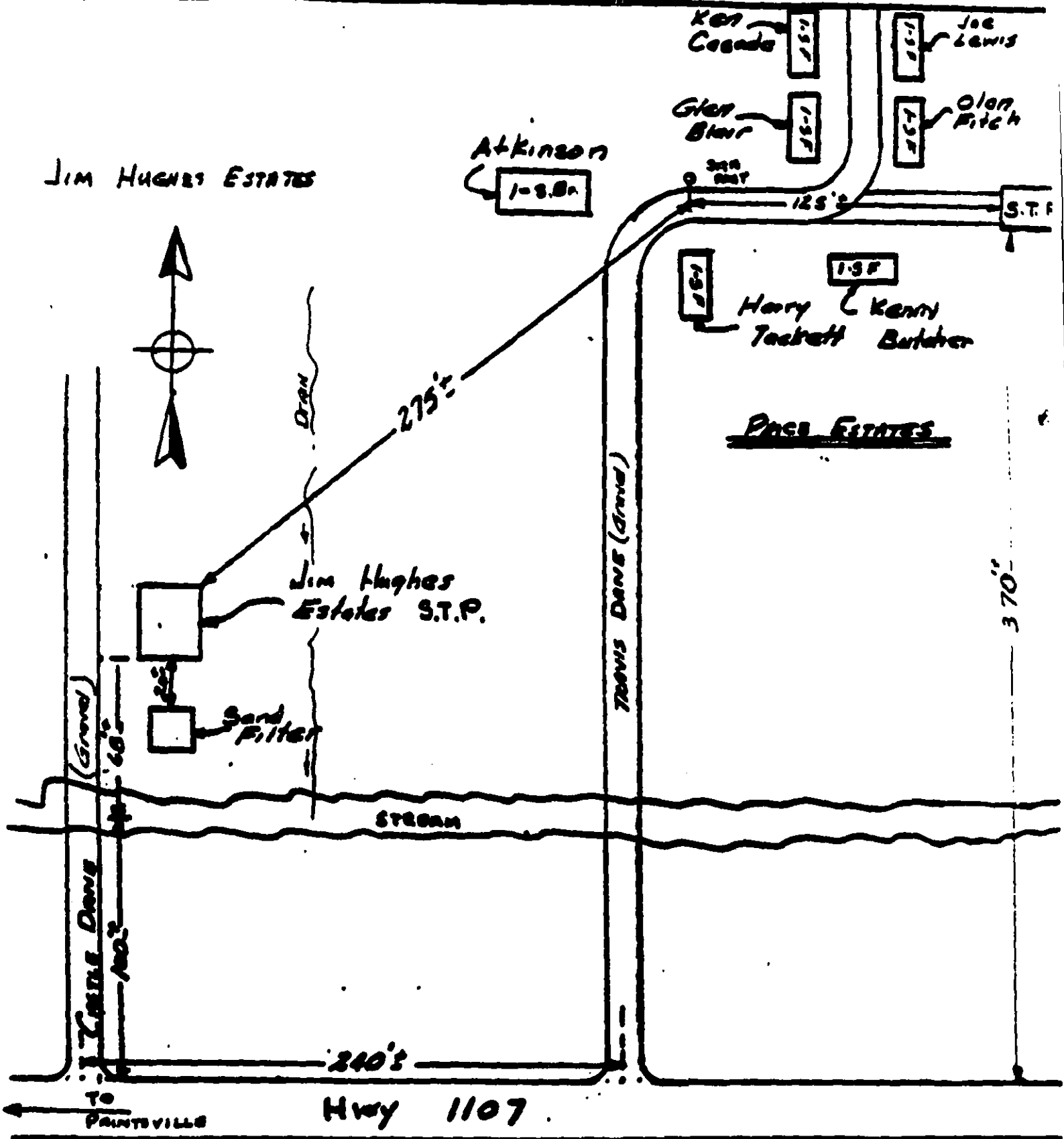
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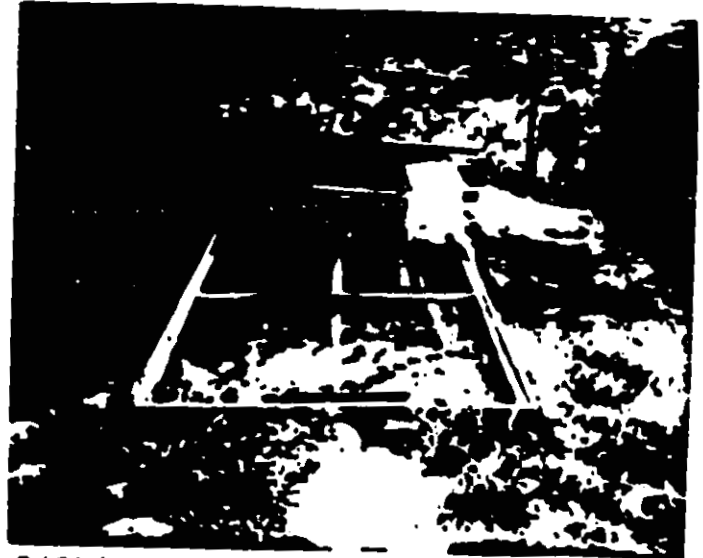
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ATTACHMENT 1
PRICE ESTATES WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM



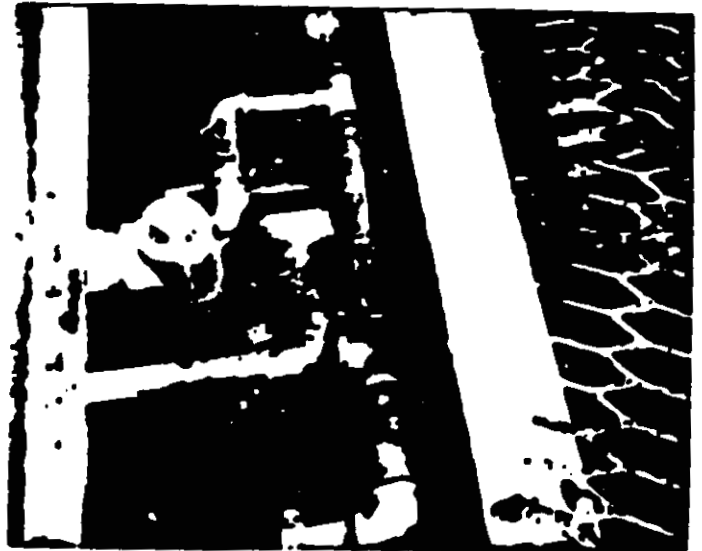
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PRICE ESTATES
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT



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AERATION TANK



7/31/90
PRICE ESTATES
SLUDGE IN CLARIFIER

PRICE ESTATES WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM



7/31/90
PRICE ESTATES
CHLORINATION UNIT IN DISREPAIR

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Public Service Commission

UTILITY REINSPECTION REPORT

Price Estates Subdivision Wastewater Treatment System
Johnson County, Kentucky

On January 24, 1991, a reinspection of Price Estates Wastewater Treatment System was conducted. The purpose of the reinspection was to see what progress, if any, had been made to date on the improvements or corrections recommended in the Public Service Commission's staff report dated August 6, 1990. The current status of each item is as follows:

1. The diffusers need to be inspected and repaired or replaced as necessary. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

2. The chlorination unit needs to be repaired and put in service. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

3. The chlorine contact basin needs to be cleaned of sludge. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

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Wastewater Treatment System
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corrections listed in this report are required in order to restore
this facility to an acceptable operating condition.

Submitted,
February 4, 1991


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Utility Investigator 

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March 20, 1991

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Executive Director
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RE: Mr. Olen Fitch
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Case No. 91-071

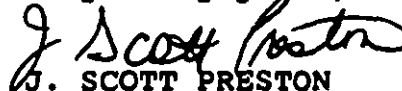
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Dear Mr. MacCracken:

Mr. Olen Fitch came into my office concerning a letter and order that he received from the Public Service Commission. A couple of years ago Mr. Fitch came into my office concerning some notices of violations that were served upon him by the Department of Natural Resources. At that time I wrote the Department of Natural Resources and advised them that Mr. Olen Fitch neither owned the sewage treatment plant serving the Price Estates nor did he operate the sewage treatment facility for Price Estates. The owner and operator of that facility was Mr. Robert Trimble, who is also a party to this order. This is to advise you that my understanding is that Mr. Robert Trimble passed away last week. Mr. Fitch has no ownership interest or operating interest in this package plan and I would assume that the estate of Mr. Robert Trimble would be the one that you need to contact. At this time I am not aware of whether or not probate proceedings have been initiated by anyone but you can check with the Johnson Circuit Court Clerk's office to make that determination.

If I can be of any service to you concerning any other information please let me know.

Very truly yours,


J. SCOTT PRESTON



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March 13, 1991

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Mr. Robert Trimble *via Shirley Trimble*
P. O. Box 1272, Paintsville, KY. 41240

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PRICE ESTATES (THELMA ACTIVITIES)

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Sincerely,

Lee M. MacCracken

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Executive Director

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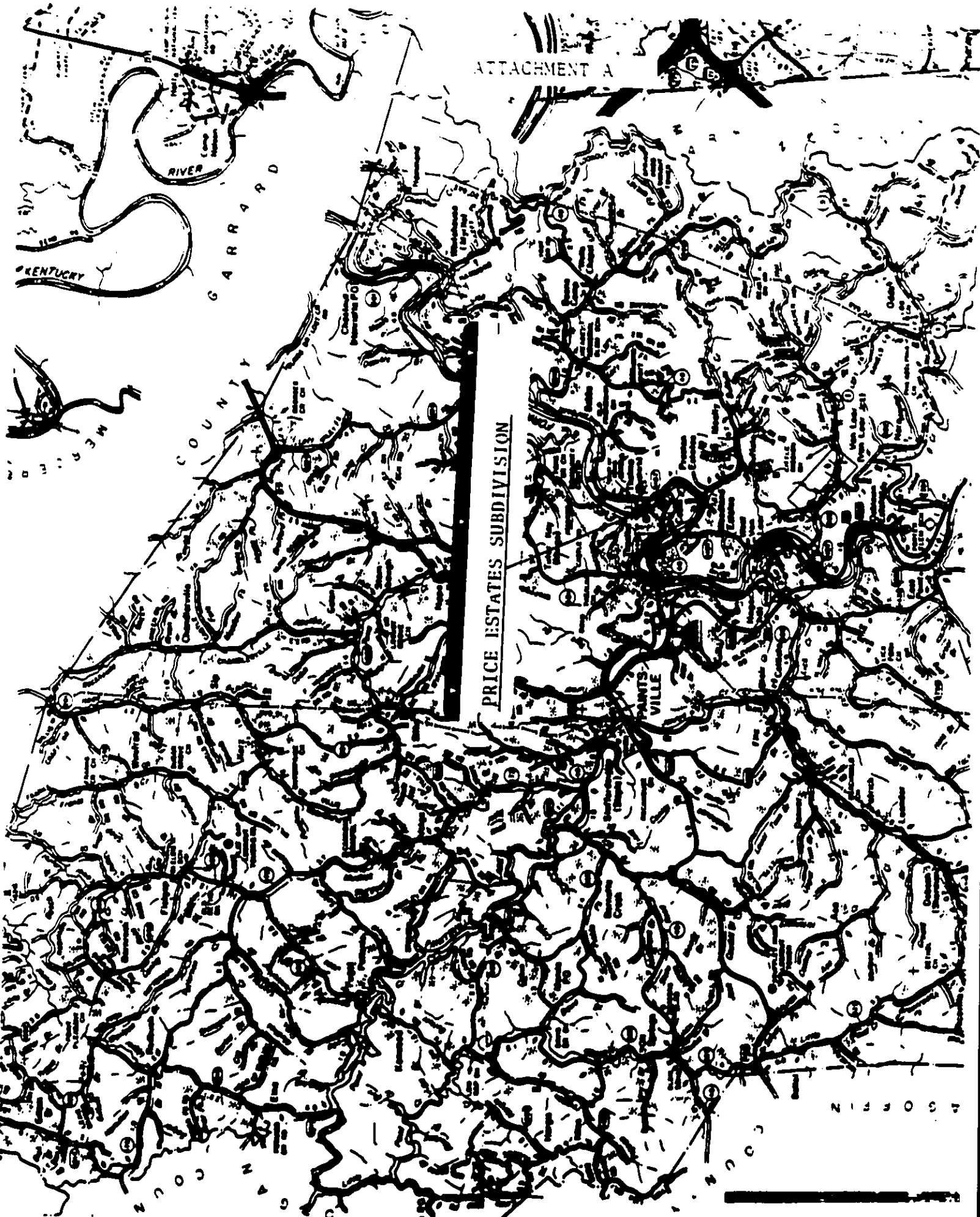
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August 6, 1990


Larry N. Updike
Utility Investigator

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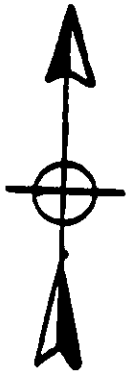
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ATTACHMENT A



Utility PRICE ESTATES SUBDIVISION

JIM HUGHES ESTATES



Drain

Jim Hughes
Estates S.T.P.

Sand
Filter

STREAM

Atkinson

1-S.B.

Ken
Casada

1-S.B.

Glen
Blair

1-S.B.

Joe
Lewis

1-S.B.

Olen
Fitch

1-S.B.

3rd
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125'

S.T.P.

Harry & Kenny
Tackett Butcher

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Price Estates

TRAVIS DAVIS (drain)

370'

(Gravel)

60'

100'

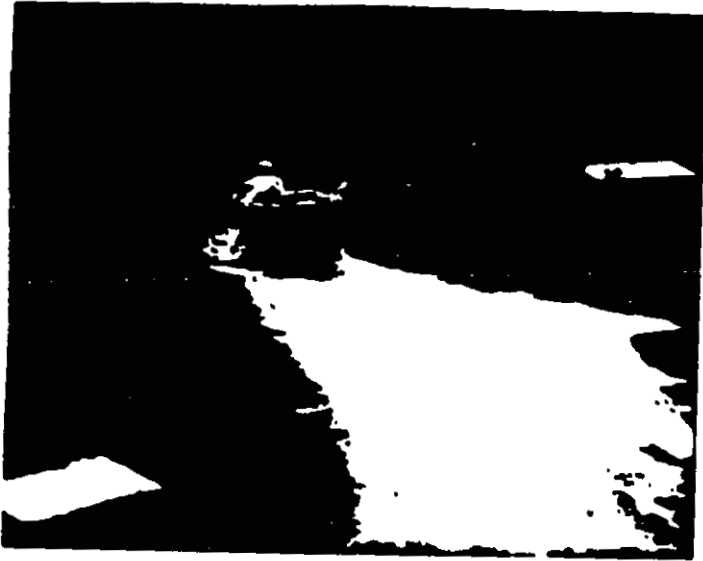
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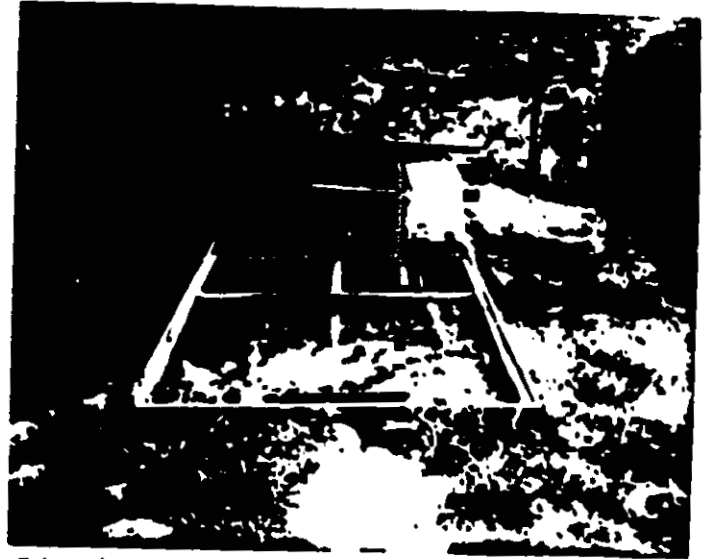
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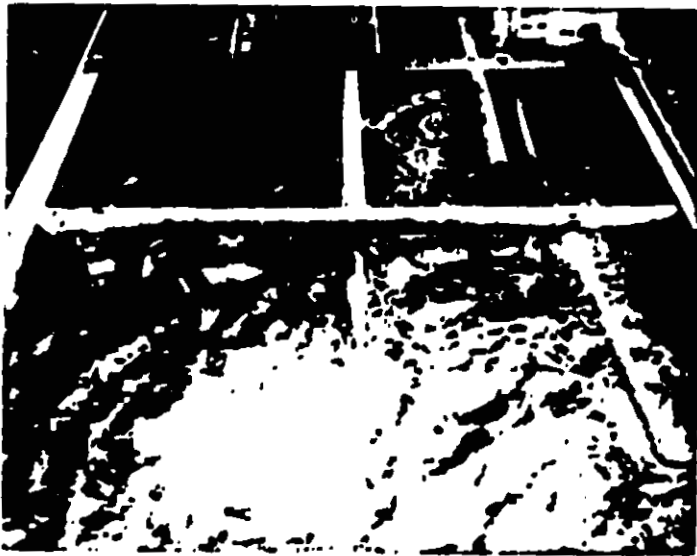
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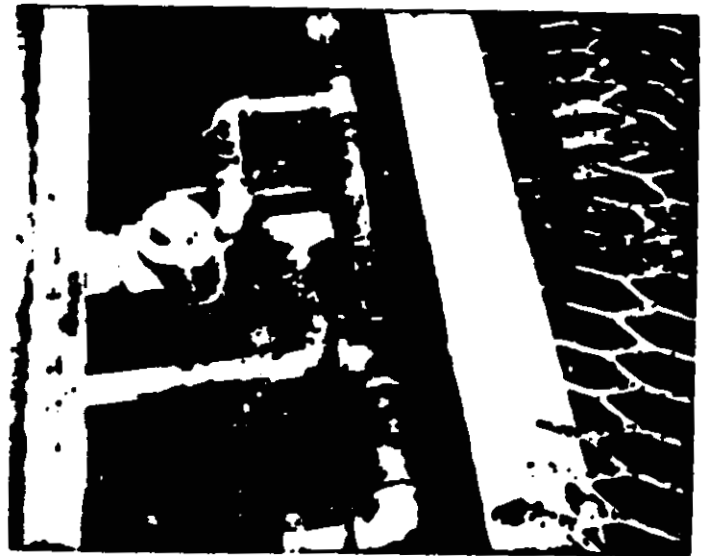
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PLANT SITE



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PRICE ESTATES
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT



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AERATION TANK



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SLUDGE IN CLARIFIER

PRICE ESTATES WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM



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CHLORINATION UNIT IN DISREPAIR

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Public Service Commission

UTILITY REINSPECTION REPORT

Price Estates Subdivision Wastewater Treatment System
Johnson County, Kentucky

On January 24, 1991, a reinspection of Price Estates Wastewater Treatment System was conducted. The purpose of the reinspection was to see what progress, if any, had been made to date on the improvements or corrections recommended in the Public Service Commission's staff report dated August 6, 1990. The current status of each item is as follows:

1. The diffusers need to be inspected and repaired or replaced as necessary. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

2. The chlorination unit needs to be repaired and put in service. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

3. The chlorine contact basin needs to be cleaned of sludge. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

4. A backup blower and motor unit or immediate access to one is needed in case of an emergency. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

5. The clarifier needs to be cleaned out. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

6. The aeration tank is almost in a septic condition giving off a slight hydrogen sulfide odor. The air discharge rates need to be increased to help this problem. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

7. The skimmer needs to be inspected for proper operation and repaired if found not operating properly. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

8. The plant is currently being operated without a comminutor. As long as the plant can be operated satisfactorily and produce an acceptable effluent the Commission may not require the use of a comminutor. However, the utility must monitor plant operations and immediately install a functioning comminutor should conditions warrant. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

9. The wastewater treatment system needs to be operated by a certified plant operator. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

10. A filter is needed for the blower/motor unit. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

11. An air leak in the line feeding the diffusers needs to be repaired. (807 KAR 5:071, Section 7,1)

Current Status: Still needs to be corrected.

Items 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 listed above are repeat violations. These violations were noted in the inspection report of September 11, 1989 and August 6, 1990. The repairs or

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corrections listed in this report are required in order to restore
this facility to an acceptable operating condition.

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